UB Center for Industrial Effectiveness

School of Engineering and Applied Sciences

Release Under Supervision (RUS)





Define Phase



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The Release Under Supervision Program (RUS) releases and supervises arrested defendants between court dates. The selected defendants are chosen after a rigorous screening process is completed.



PROJECT CHARTER



Strategic Goal/Business Case: To reduce the number of inmates housed at the holding center to create a cost savings for the County and Taxpayer along with assisting with compliance of New York State Regulations regarding the number of inmates that can be housed at the holding center.

Problem Statement: To reduce the amount of money spent by Erie County and the Taxpayers to house inmates in the Holding Center.

Project Objective: Create more standardized procedures and increase communication with the courts to increase the number of defendants accepted/referred into the RUS program.



PROJECT CHARTER



Benefits/Savings Potential:

Increase the number of referrals from Judges for Release Under Supervision, subsequently release more inmates from the holding center, thus assisting in reducing jail overcrowding and saving the county approx \$128.00 per day per inmate.

Scope/Boundaries:

Within the scope of the Probation Department and Pretrial is creating standardized procedures and clarify the exceptions list to increase the number of defendants eligible.

Outside our scope is the Courts and Judges and how many defendants they believe fit into the RUS requirements.

Timeline:

Start date 3/23/09. Completion 9/23/09.







Measure Phase





Suppliers: Police, Sheriffs, Judges, Attorneys

Inputs: Referrals from Pre-Trial

Process: Defendant Arrested Defendant Interviewed by Pre-Trial, Collateral Contacts Made, Case Conference between Pre-Trial and Probation, Notify Judge case accepted by RUS, Defendant Released to RUS and Instructed by Probation Officer

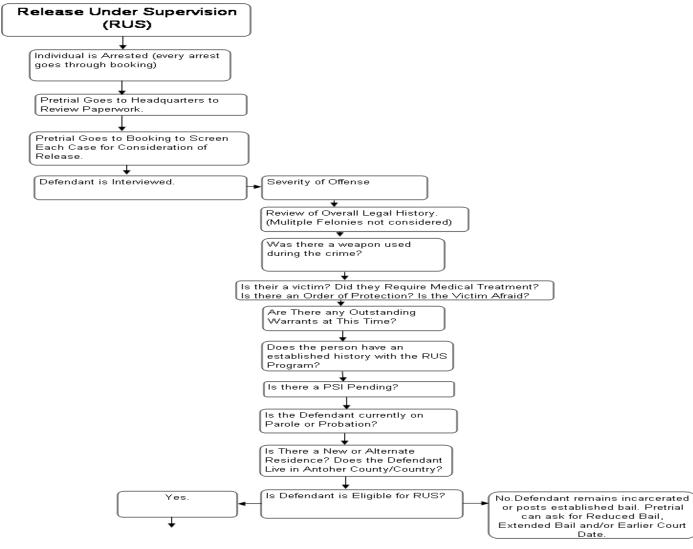
Outputs: Defendant is either accepted or rejected for RUS Program

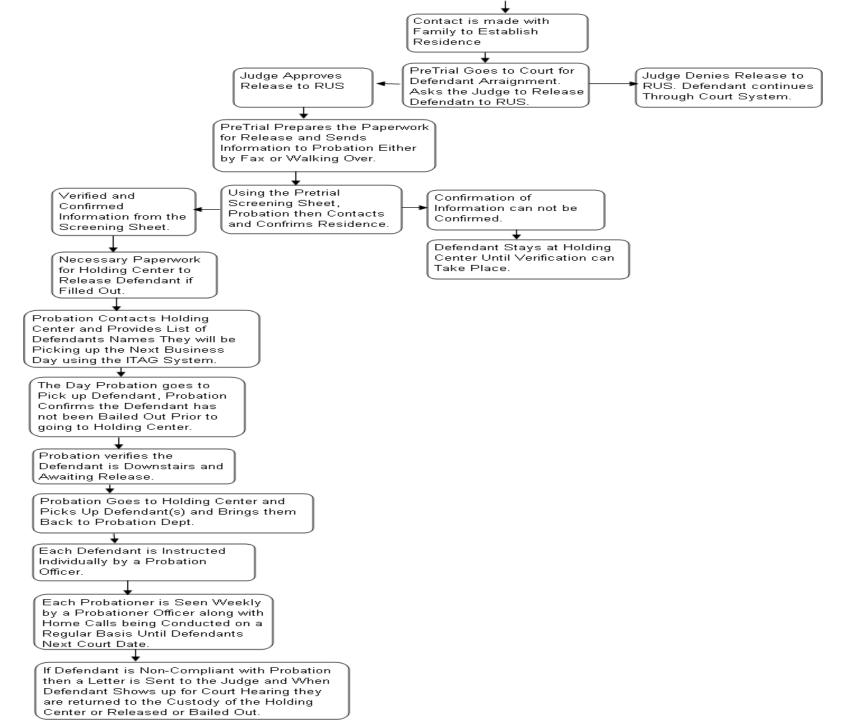
Customers: Defendant, Judges, Law Enforcement, the



PROCESS FLOW DIAGRAM







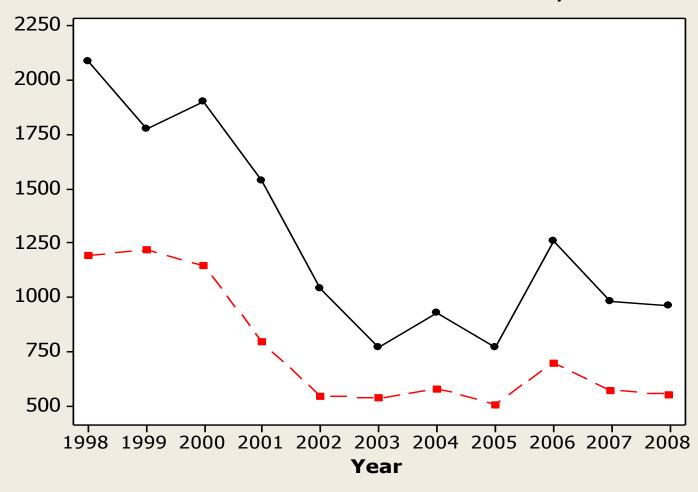


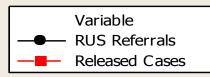
Analyze Phase





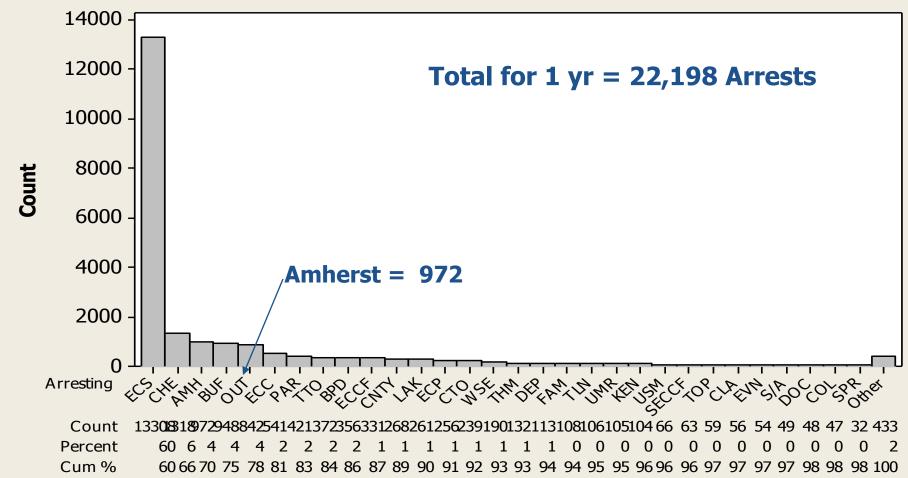
Time Series Plot of RUS Referrals, Released Cases





Data for FINANCIAL ANALYSIS









FINANCIAL ANALYSIS PROJECTION



Potential Project Cost & Savings

- 1 Stage 1 366 days incarcerated from weekend cases x \$128/daily incarceration cost = \$46,848 \$6,000 O/T costs = \$40,848
- Stage 2 Same day release Monday Thursday
 365 yearly RUS cases x \$128/daily incarceration cost = \$46,720
- 3. Stage 3 Referrals from Suburban, Town, Village Courts. Savings unknown at this time.
- 4. Example of Potential Savings

 Amherst 2008/9 (1yr) arrests transferred to holding center = 972

 48 (at 5% only of Amherst incarcerated arrests) x 95 (avg. length of stay) x \$128/daily incarceration cost = \$583,680
 - This is a very conservative est. Suburban/City Judges send over 22,000 to Holding Center each year.





Improve Phase



TEAM BRAINSTORMING RESULTS



- Stage 1 Weekend Releases.
- Stage 2 Same Day Release
- Stage 3 Town and Village Courts

Getting referrals to Pretrial and Probation

More education to courts

Create more standardized procedures for Towns and Villages

Probation representation within the courts

Attorney taking paperwork

- Improve Communication with Judge(s). (re-educate them on process) Judge can order RUS and/or Bail.
- Need a more formalized set of restrictions in writing to use as guideline. (for judges, pretrial and probation)

List of absolutely not

List of possible consideration

- Communication with Sheriff's Dept.
- Not every defendant interviewed.
- Upper Court will release from court.

Commitment or securing order need consistency between upper and lower courts. (holding center has to approve sheet)





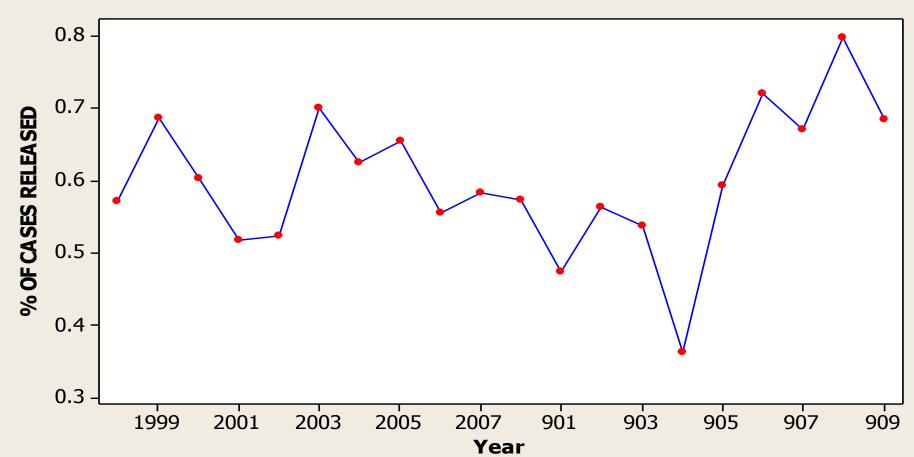


- 1. Meet with representatives from ECSD to discuss changes to present policy to allow defendants to remain at Buffalo City Lockup while case is being reviewed by RUS rather then immediately return them to the Holding Center. This change would likely lead to increased number of same day releases from the Holding Center.
- 2. Continue to seek meetings with Suburban, Town & Village Judges to increase the pool of appropriate RUS release cases.





Time Series Plot of % OF CASES RELEASED to RUS



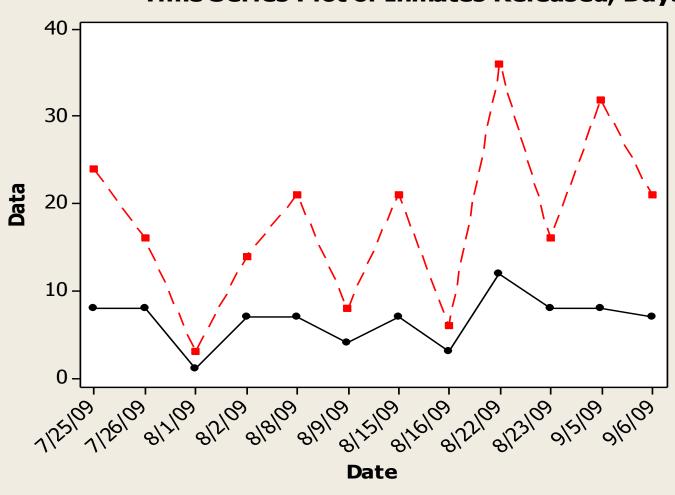
Worksheet: Worksheet 1



Stage 1 – Weekends RUS



Time Series Plot of Inmates Released, Days Saved





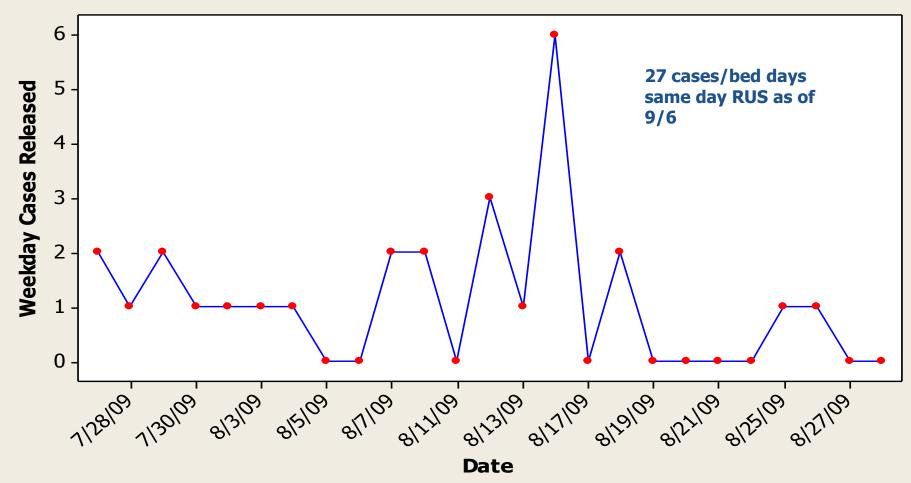
218 Bed days saved from 7/25 thru 9/6/09

Last year 0 bed days because we did not work weekends





Time Series Plot of Weekday Cases Released - Total Cases 27

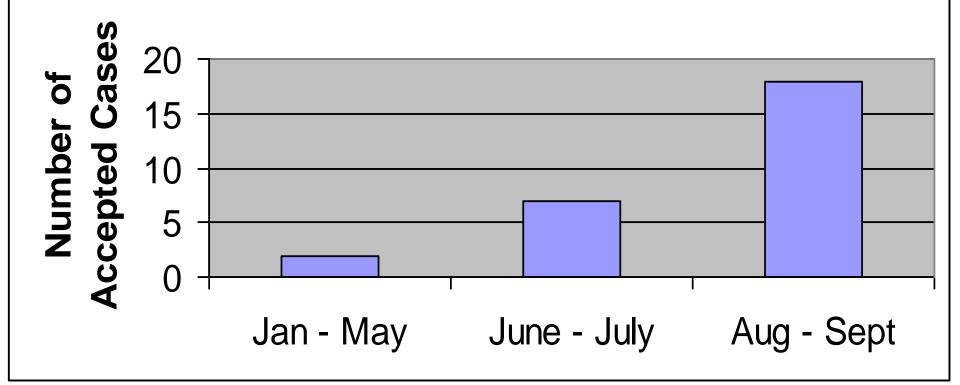




Stage 3 Suburban RUS Cases



Number of Suburban RUS Cases 2009





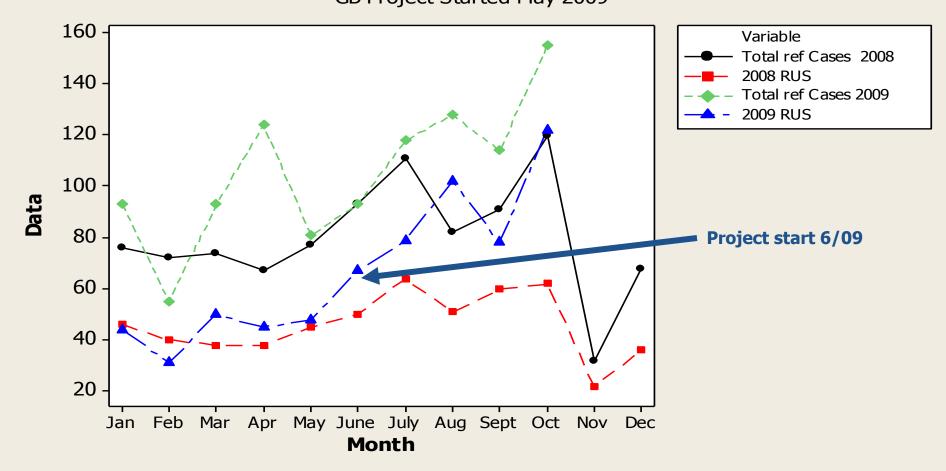
Control Phase





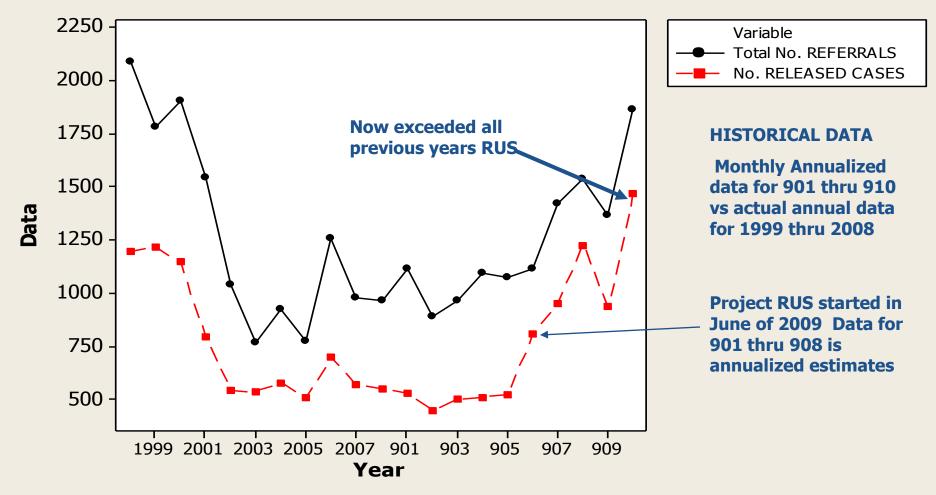


Time Series Plot of Total ref Ca, 2008 RUS, Total ref Ca, 2009 RUS GB Project Started May 2009





Time Series Plot of Total No. REFERRALS vs No. RUS RELEASED CASES



RE-ANALYSIS of FINANCIAL DATA 2009 & 2010



Bed days saved @ Erie County Holding Center

Stage 1 Weekends RUS

414 (7/25-11/8) x 3.3= 1366 note only worked some weekends because some judges do not want to do RUS

Stage 2 same day weekdays RUS

 $(7/27-10/30) \times 4 = 256$ note this will increase due to changes being planned at Buffalo City Court holding RUS

Stage 3 Suburban Court Judges starting to use RUS

23 new cases (6/09 thru 10/09) x 3 x 50 = 3450 bed days saved at EC Holding Center

2010 savings = 5072 @ \$128/ day = **\$649K** Conser. Est.

2009 savings = 2536 @ \$128/ day = \$ **324K** Conser. Est.





TRANSITION ACTION PLAN



Next Steps

Stage 2 - Meet with rep of ECSD to discuss changes to present policy to allow defendants to remain at Buffalo City Court lock up while case is being reviewed by RUS officer rather than immediately return to Holding Center. This will increase # of same day releases from holding center.

Ongoing

Stage 3 - Continue to seek meetings with suburban Town and Village Judges to increase the pool of appropriate RUS release cases.

Control Charting – To sustain the gains and continue improvements made in this project, we will continue to monitor incoming data through control charts on a monthly basis.

SIX SIGMA TOOLS USED



Define	Measure	Analyze	Improve	Control
✓ Problem Statement	✓ SIPOC Diagram	✓ Potential X's	☐ Regression Analysis	☐ Control Methods
✓ Macro Map	✓ Process Flow Diagram	✓ Graphical Analysis	☐ DOE Planning	☐ Control Plans
✓ Identify Customers	✓ Value Analysis/ Muda	☐ Hypothesis Testing	☐ Screening DOEs	☐ Poka-Yoke
✓ Project Scope	✓ Detailed Flow (I/O)	✓ Means	☐ Quantifying DOEs	☐ SPM – Monitor Y
✓ Primary Metric	☐ Measurement System	☐ Variance	☐ Optimizing DOEs	✓ SPC – Control X's
✓ Secondary Metric	Analysis	☐ Proportions	☐ Verify Critical X's	□ OCAP
☐ Consequential Metric	☐ Capability Analysis	☐ ANOVA	✓ Y = F(x)	☐ Update FMEA
✓ Baseline Data	☐ Short Term Capability	☐ Regression Analysis	☐ Optimization	☐ Project Transition
☐ Entitlement	☐ Long Term Capability	☐ FMEA	✓ Generate Solutions	Action Plans
✓ Objective Statement	✓ Data Collection	✓ ID Critical X's	✓ Select Solutions	☐ Update Financial Benefits
✓ Financial Estimates	✓ Process Monitoring	✓ Quick Improvements	✓ Pilot Trials	☐ Final report
✓ Non-financial Benefits	✓ Lean Opportunities	✓ Lean Improvements	☐ Capability Analysis	☐ Close Project
✓ Team Members	☐ C & E Fishbone	✓ Process Tracking		Olose i Toject
✓ Rrainstorming	☐ C & E Matrix			
☐ Define Review	☐ Measure Review	☐ Analyze Review	☐ Improve Review	☐ Control Review

